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SUBAAC INDONESIAN DESIRE FOR ERTS PROGRAM CONTINUATION

1. DURING MY MARCH 20 COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR RESEARCH, DR SUMITRO, LATTER EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ON VALUE TO INDONESIA OF ERTS "A" PROGRAM. SUMITRO CITED FORESTRY, LAND DEVELOPMENT, POPULATION RESETTLEMENT (TRANSMIGRATION) AND FISHING AS IMPORTANT AREAS OF GOI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH BENEFIT GREATLY FROM ERTS PROGRAM. SUMITRO EMPHASIZED COSTLY MISTAKES WHICH ERTS HELPS GOI AVOID IN RESETTLEMENT PLANNING. HE DWELLED ALSO ON BENEFITS TO US OF IMPORTANT GOOD WILL WHICH CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM ACHIEVES AMONG DEVELOPING NATIONS, ILLUSTRATING PAKISTAN'S USE OF ERTS DATA AS OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE. HE REQUESTED THAT I CONVEY INDONESIA'S INTEREST IN CONTINUATION OF ERTS PROGRAM AND HOPES THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE FUNDING BEING REQUESTED BY NASA.

2. COMMENT: I WAS IMPRESSED BY NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS DR SUMITRO GAVE OF HOW ERTS IS ALREADY HELPING AND ADDITIONAL AMBITIOUS AREAS IN WHICH HE FORESAW GREAT VALUE TO INDONESIA FROM THIS PROGRAM. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL FIND APPROPRIATE MEANS TO CONVEY TO CONGRESS SUCH

INDICATIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN RELATIONS BENEFIT WE
GAIN FROM THIS PROGRAM.
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